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SUBJECT: CULCON: MEETING OF LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE

1. CULCON JOINT LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE HELD JOINT PRELIMINARY MEETING IN KYOTO OCTOBER 27 UNDER JOINT CHAIRMANSHIP OF WARREN TSUNEISHI AND DR. MASAO KOTANI. DPAO TENNY ATTENDED AS OBSERVER.

2. MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND USEFUL EXPLORATION OF DIFFERING IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATION IN LIBRARY EXCHANGES. U.S. SIDE CAME WITH SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR INTERCHANGE OF PERSONNEL AND PUBLICATIONS, INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION, SOCIAL SCIENCE DOCUMENTATION CENTERS, AND SPECIALIZED BIBLIOGRAPHIES. JAPANESE SIDE MADE CLEAR THEY CONSIDERED MEETING PRELIMINARY BECAUSE THEY INTERPRET HAWAII JUNE COMMUNIQUE AS RECOMMENDATION TO CULCON VIII TO ESTABLISH LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE. CONSEQUENTLY COMMITTEE IS NOT YET FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN THEIR VIEW.

3. JAPANESE SIDE ALSO STRESSED THEIR VIEW THAT SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION EXCHANGES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES. COMPOSITION OF THEIR COMMITTEE EMPHASIZES SCIENCE LIBRARIANS. U.S. SIDE STRESSED PREDOMINANT INTEREST IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES,
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NOTING THAT THIS WAS A CULCON COMMITTEE AND SHOULD

WORK WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CULCON'S CHARTER, LEAVING SCIENCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO OTHER MORE RELEVANT COMMITTEES.

4. DESPITE THESE DIFFERENCES, JAPANESE WERE QUITE POSITIVE IN STATING THEIR HOPES FOR GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICAN LIBRARIES IN THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TECHNIQUES AND THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL. MUCH OF DISCUSSION WAS FOCUSSED ON THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICAN LIBRARIES, AND BETWEEN THE TEACHING AND HANDLING OF AREA STUDY MATERIALS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

5. PARTICIPANTS WERE:

JAPANESE: DR. MASAO KOTANI, CHAIRMAN, SUB-COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE INFORMATION, SCIENCE COUNCIL, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION;
DR. YOSHIO ANDO, PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF JAPANESE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES, AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO.
MR. KUNIMI SUYAMA, DIRECTOR, DIVISION FOR INTERLIBRARY SERVICES, NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY.
PROF. YOSHINARI TSUDA, SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, KEIO UNIVERSITY, AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION CENTER.
MR. TOICHI YOSHIKAWA, DIRECTOR, SCIENCE INFORMATION AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY DIVISION, SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUREAU, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.
U.S.: DR. WARREN TSUNEISHI, CHIEF, ORIENTALIA DIVISION, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.
PROF. WARREN J. HAAS, VICE PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION SERVICES AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.
MS. EMIKO MOFFITT, DEPUTY CURATOR, EAST ASIAN COLLECTION, HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.
DR. ROBERT D. STEVENS, CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR LIAISON WITH JAPANESE LIBRARIES, AND CHIEF, CATALOGING DIVISION, COPYRIGHT OFFICE, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.
DR. YUKIHISA SUZUKI, PROFESSOR, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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